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Our Case No. 11333/38  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Yasuyuki Kawashima )  
Serial No. 10/821,732 ) Examiner Clark D. Petersen  
Filing Date: April 8, 2004 ) Group Art Unit No. 1657  
For: Methods for Measuring Bacteria, ) Conf. No.: 1524  
Bacteria Measuring Apparatuses, )  
and Storage Media for Storing )  
Computer-Executable Programs for )  
Analyzing Bacteria )

**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed October 19, 2007, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in light of the following Amendment and Remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this communication.